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Idaho Milk Production up 2.1 Percent

Idaho milk production during May 2004 totaled 764 million pounds, a 2.1 percent increase from the same month last year and 4.2 percent more than April 2004, according to the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service. Revised production for April 2004 totaled 733 million pounds, up 4 million pounds from the preliminary estimate and 2.5 percent above April 2003. Average milk production per cow in May 2004 was 1,840 pounds, 30 pounds less than May 2003 but 70 pounds above April 2004. The average number of milk cows during May was 415,000 head, up 1,000 head from the previous month, and 15,000 head more than May 2003.

Milk production in the 20 major States during May totaled 13.0 billion pounds, down 0.1 percent from May 2003. April revised production, at 12.6 billion pounds, was down 0.8 percent from April 2003. The April revision represented an increase of 4 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,684 pounds for May, 13 pounds above May 2003. The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.72 million head, 71,000 head less than May 2003, and 5,000 head less than April 2004.

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